

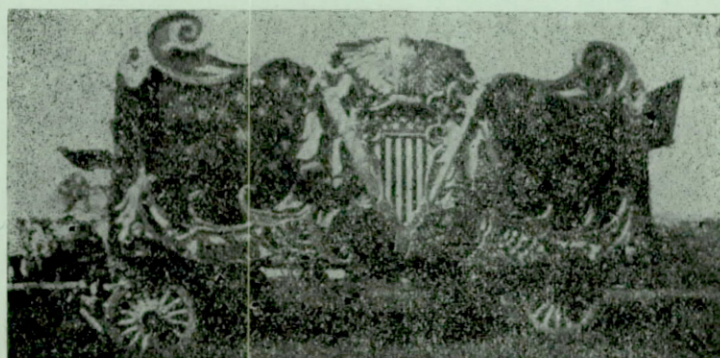
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Thru a Foreign Newspaper File with T. PARKINSON

When BARNUM & BAILEY played Southampton, England, during the first European tour, it ran into opposition from 2 English Shows, and what appears to have been a tough city editor-but from evidence left in files of Southampton newspapers it seems that the Greatest Show on Earth came away the victor. On the way home from Germany I stopped in Southampton and looked up the dates. Here is the story:-

The paper was a Southampton & Hampshire weekly and the yr. 1898. The first wk. in Aug. the paper carried the first ad of the Big One. But prior to that it had published the ads of the LORD JOHN SANGER & SONS LTD. CIRCUS and of the LORD GEORGE, THE ORIGINAL SANGER & HIS £125,000 CIRCUS CO. Lord George ran a 5 in. 1 column ad for his date, which was July 29. He billed 12 elephants, 20 cages, a Spec called "WAR IN THE SUDAN" which included some cavalry and artillery units, and his free street parade.

Lord John's single ad appeared in the same issue below Lord George's and it was about the same size. John was a little more lively, he took this chance to make a couple of statements aimed at his 2 competitors. With Lord George in mind, this ad for the Aug. 9 date said that John had no connection with any other Sanger Circus and he also took steps to set the people straight about this American Show that was coming by repeating that Lord John's Circus was a native British concern. Perhaps it was in answer to this that later ads of B & B tried to point out that it, too, had strong British connections. Lord John then said that his show was founded in 1837, that it had 60 railroad cars, that it gave a free street parade, and that it would operate a ticket agency in a local shop. Top billing went to DICK MARSH, "whip" or driver of the longest team of horses ever driven. How this string long hitch compared with the famed B & B 40 horse team would be interesting to know. The single ads of these 2 shows were the only mention of either in the paper with the exception of 1 line notices in a calendar of events column. There were no more ads, no news stories, no articles about the features, no reviews of the shows. Press agents, if they had them, did not score.

Then came BARNUM & BAILEY. The Big One placed 3 full column ads. Getting the biggest play was the 40 horse team in the street parade and the Spec "COLUMBUS RETURNS TO BARCELONA". The 3 identical ads gave prominence to 2 formal announcements by the management. One, in the style found so often in Barnum's ads, assured the towners that contrary to rumors the show never split in order to play 2 towns at once. The second seems to have been in answer to Lord John's left handed barb about being a British owned show. JAMES A. BAILEY'S ads featured winter quarters at STOKE-on-TRENT, England. The ads also mentioned 70 nearly 60 ft. cars, more about the parade, and JOHANNA, the gorilla. The press dep't scored, in addition to the usual 1 line mention there were 2 pre date news articles. They were short and written in the stilted style of the day.

BARNUM & BAILEY moved from nearby BOURNEMOUTH on the night of AUG. 20, a Sat. and arrived on Sun. for its dates of Mon. & Tues. AUG. 22 & 23, 1898. The next issue of the paper reviewed the shows stay in town. The good draft stock was mentioned and it was said that there were larger railway cars than England had seen. After erecting the show on a Sun. it was said that the lot was very quiet except for a preview given for the press. About this the reporter said only that it was truly the GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.

The lot was too small for the show and so one 60 ft. middle piece was left out of the Big Top, leaving not quite 15,000 seats. But 13,000 saw each of the four performances and there were tremendous crowds at

Thru a Newspaper File(Continued)

the parade and when the show was loading out for its move to PORTSMOUTH The show was mentioned by name twice more. Once in connection with the arrest of a pickpocket and again when ticket scalpers were arrested. Then the newspaper wound up its coverage of B & B with a corker. No actual review of the performance itself was given because, the article said those who saw the show know what was included and the report was omitting that detail so as not to make those who did not see it feel bad.

TRUCKS ON CLYDE BEATTY WALLACE BROS. CIRCUS(1943)

Seen by R. PARKINSON, Lincoln, Ill. July 10

1	Straight bed chevy	(elephants)
2	Semi chevy	(elephants)
1 #35	Semi "	(elephants)
1 #32	Plymouth sedan	(sound car)
1 #26	Semi Chevy	
1 #52	St. bed Chevy	(tires, parts, repair equipment)
1 #54	Semi Chevy	(Side show house truck)
1 #14	St. bed Chevy	
1	Ford bus	
1	St. bed Chevy	(water truck and 2 wheel stake driver)
1	St. bed Chevy	5 section yellow cages for Beatty's animals
1	St. bed Chevy	(cook house)
1 #65	Semi Chevy	(cook house)
1	Chevy bus	
1 #42	St. bed Chevy	(work shop)
1	Semi Chevy	(bible backs)
1	Semi "	(light plant)
1	Small panel truck	
1	St. bed ticket truck	
1	St. bed Chevy	(concessions)
1	Semi Chevy	(seats and props)
1 #50	Semi "	(side show)
1	St. bed Chevy	(props)
1	Semi Chevy	(big top canvas)
1 #29	Semi "	(jacks and res. seat chairs)
1 #73	Semi "	(poles)
1 #63	Semi "	
1	St. bed International	(Beatty's props)
1 #6	Cab over engine Semi Chevy	(Beatty's equipment)
1 #40	Semi Chevy	(trunks and props)
1	St. bed Chevy	(house truck)(pulling 1 house trailer)
1	Semi Chevy	(bible backs and props)
1 #77	Ford V8 Semi	(house truck)
1 #57	Ford V8 Semi	(house truck)
1	Semi Chevy	(horses)
1 #20	Semi "	(horses and ponies)
1	Ford panel truck	
1	Small house truck	
1	Small Chevy pick up truck	
1	Chevy panel truck	
1	V8 pick up truck	
1	St. bed Chevy	(concessions and tiny power unit)

KEEP JULY 21 OPEN FOR THE BIG CIRCUS PICNIC AND MODEL DISPLAY(ALL FREE)

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BUFFALO BILL 100th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY
from files of C. Cowen

The OMRO HERALD
Omro, Winnebago County Wis., Saturday July 16, 1898
BUFFALO BILL
His Famous Wild West Exhibition Coming Soon

Cheap Excursion Rates On All Railroads

Lieutenant General J.M. Schofield retired, and recalled from private life to act as military adviser to President McKinley during the war with Spain said recently; Whether this war be brief or prolonged duration it has done one thing of incalculable value to the country, and that is, it has aroused the patriotism of the people-which lies too long dormant in times of peace. In fact almost the only institution to excite the military spirit in the youth of the land has been a show-BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST and in that respect Col. Cody's exhibition is a real institution rather than a show.

Was ever another such compliment paid to any sort of an amusement exhibition? When its character is understood, Gen. Schofield's compliment is justified. It is distinctively an international military tournament of real soldiers from the cavalry and artillery of England, Germany, Russia, Cuba and the U.S. Over 100 Indian chiefs and warriors from the 6 great tribes show the savage soldier; Mexican vanqueros, Guaches of Argentina; Arabs and Moors of Asia and Africa have also seen service in the armies of their respective countries. The band of Cuban veterans, wounded and maimed until their fighting days are ended, still can sit in the saddle and show the stamp of men who have fought so valiantly to free Cuba. A superb military spectacle, CUSTER'S LAST BATTLE produced with splendid special scenery and hundreds of soldiers and savages in mimic combat as realistic as the real is still another thing that will excite in everyone the desire to see the greatest of all exhibitions when it appears at Oshkosh Aug. 2. Excursion rates will be made on all lines of travel to the Wild West on that day.

(Aug. 6 paper report) BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST SHOW proved a great attraction to the people of Omro and vicinity on Tues. and the man who did not have a small boy of his own borrowed his neighbor's little Johnnie that he might have excuse to see the show himself. And see it they did. Long before many of the village people had thought of arising the teams came into town from all directions on the way to the city to see Will and his wooly west riders. At ten o'clock in town livery rigs were at a premium and by noon there were no rigs to be had. Many went on wheels and those who did came home any old way. The steamer Fashion arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock with a large number on board and was reinforced by a crowd from here. Oshkosh presented a busy appearance for one day at least, but as it is the only town in the vicinity where Buffalo Bill's Show appeared the people took advantage of the occasion to go. Several thousand saw the afternoon show but the rain setting in about 6 o'clock lessened the crowd at the evening show. The Fashion arrived at Omro at 8 P.M. with a very tired crowd aboard.

CIRCUS PHOTOS SAMPLE AND LISTS #1, 2, 3, 4 all for - - - 15¢

Elephant hooks \$1.70--\$2.70---\$3.70---Post Paid.

Collectors Guide and reference book AS TOLD ON A SUNDAY RUN---\$1
Harry Bowman Route 2 Devison Mich.

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THE MOVING FINGER WRITES AND AS IT WRITES IT TELLS US:-

Enroute to Rochester, Minn. Bett Leonard stopped at Geneva, Neb. to see Bell Bros. Circus. Owner of the show is T. Ewalt, show carries a 6 piece band. W. Rawls painted the show and Blackie Woods is in charge of the cook house, and his son is doing a wire act, table rock and revolving ladder. Mike Hanlon formerly of the Dailey Circus is fixer and Duncan is leader of the band. J. Webb is manager of the side show.

P.T. Barnum sponsored a song writing contest as publicity for the first American appearance of Jenny Lind.

HILLHOUSE spent a day with Bailey Bros. Circus at Portsmouth, Ohio and reports they insisted he eat all his meals in the cook house with them. Bob Stevens the owner gave him a life time pass and I think if Ed keeps eating pills like he did at the convention this pass won't be used long.

Olsen and Johnson came to Phila. and with them came our own Bill Koford. Koford and his wife spent a Sun. with Van Matre and late in the evening took Van back to the hotel with them and handed him 347 circus negatives.

J. Malfatto is now working in Newport News, Va. and caught Sparks Circus when they were there. He expects to remain there for a couple of months.

J. Hassen, Hassen Jr.; H. Heath, W. Koford, Pop Barrett and Van Matre caught Hunt Bros. Circus at Ardmore and then went up to Lancaster to see James M. Coles Circus. All had a fine time and are looking forward to R.B.B.B. Circus which will open a 6 day stand in Phila. Pa. on May 27.

John Ringling North will leave shortly for Europe in a search for new Circus talent for next years show.

Don't fail to get the June issue of Coronet for pictures of R.B.B.B.

Eddie Jackson is in Phila. with the R.B.B. advance.

New Members

A. Dodge	617 24th St	Niagara Falls,	N.Y.
F. Clark	Box 263	Alton,	N.H.
E. Brunette	25 Sycamore St	New Bedford	Mass.
A. Franklin	269 W. Calthrop	Syracuse	N.Y.
R. Yeung	Route 1	Holland	Mich.
T. Medden	1507 E. State	Olean	N.Y.
A. Gurskey	1131 Hamilton St.	Allentown	Pa.
R. Peters	920 Washington St.	Allentown	Pa.
C. Snayberger	213 E. Union St.	Allentown	Pa.
G. Snayberger	936 N. 6th	Allentown	Pa.
R. Smith	229 1/2 Water St.	Allentown	Pa.
H. T. Blazier	93 19th St.	Wheeling	W. Va.
C. Gerlach	180 Seneca St.	Buffalo	N.Y.
J. H. Aitken	205 Dodge Ave.	New Orleans	La.
L. Mendell	2707 W. State	Olean	N.Y.

NOTE:-I am now starting to work on the Xmas issue, so let's make it a dandy. The more ads, the bigger the issue, and there are a lot of surprises in store for you, send in your ads and mark them Xmas, or they will be published in the next issue.-----The Editor.

RINGLING BROS. WORLD'S GREATEST SHOWS
SEASON 1894

APRIL	28	BARABOO, Wis.	Winter Quarters	Bright Sunshine
	30	Freeport, Ill.	139 miles	Heavy Rains
May	1	Mt. Carroll, Ill.	27 "	Windstorm, No night show
	2	Davenport, Iowa	69 "	Fine weather
	3	Muscatine, "	22 "	" "
	4	Burlington, "	76 "	Continued Fair
	5	Mt. Pleasant, "	27 "	Windstorm, Night Show Off
	6	Ottumwa, Iowa	48 "	Rain, Clear at Night
	8	Kirksville, Mo.	74 "	Fine Weather
	9	Salisbury, "	78 "	Side Show Blowdown
	10	Chillicothe, Mo.	56 "	Strong Winds, Fair Weather
	11	Hamilton, Mo.	26 "	Short Haul, Clear
	12	Leavenworth, Kan.	95 "	Lot on U.S. GOV'T LAND
	14	Topeka, Kan.	62 "	State Capitol, Sun Shine
	15	Holton, Kan.	128 "	Strong Wind
	16	Seneca, Kan.	35 "	First Salary Day
	17	Tecumseh, Neb.	58 "	Gales
	18	Beatrice, Neb.	35 "	Heavy Winds, Cooler
	19	Falls City, Neb.	43 "	New Big Top Erected
	21	Lincoln, Neb.	92 "	Lemen Bros. just ahead
	22	Fremont, Neb.	52 "	Cloudy, Light Rain
	23	Norfolk, Neb.	80 "	Cloudy
	24	Blair, Neb.	105 "	Wind
	25	Avoca, Iowa	63 "	Small Town
	26	Guthrie Centre, Iowa	71 "	Hot Tough Town
	28	Des Moines, Iowa	60 "	State Capitol
	29	Grinnell, Iowa	55 "	New Banners for Annex
	30	Marengo, Iowa	35 "	Fine Weather
	31	Monroe, Iowa	73 "	Hot, Short Haul
June	1	Indianola, Iowa	62 "	Hot
	2	Winterset, Iowa	35 "	Townies baytle each other
	4	Perry, Iowa	76 "	Good Houses
	5	Fort Dodge, Iowa	54 "	Cool
	6	Eagle Grove, Iowa	19 "	Railroad lot
	7	Boone, Iowa	65 "	Clear
	8	Jefferson, Iowa	29 "	Wagon Burns on Flats
	9	Ida Grove, Iowa	69 "	Corn Belt Town, Heavy Wind
	11	Onawa, Iowa	43 "	Band Goes Fishing
	12	Storm Lake, Iowa	61 "	Heavy Wind
	13	Sheldon, Iowa	52 "	Fair
	14	Spencer, Iowa	37 "	Very Hot, Short Haul
	15	Algona, Iowa	48 "	Showers at Night
	16	Mason City, Iowa	52 "	Thunder Showers
	18	Winona, Minn.	209 "	Ideal Weather
	19	Sparta, Wis.	51 "	Clear
	20	Rochester, Minn.	50 "	Showers at Loading Time
	21	Owatonna, Minn.	40 "	No night show
	22	Spring Valley, Minn.	56 "	High Wind, No damage
	23	Albert Lea, Minn.	51 "	Tornado Misses Show
	25	Cresco, Iowa	69 "	Rain All Day
	26	West Union, Iowa	49 "	Rain, but tents packed
	27	Decorah, Iowa	44 "	Pleasant Weather
	28	Lansing, Iowa	76 "	Night House Big
	29	Du Chien, Wis.	31 "	Hot

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June	30	Richland Ctr. Wis.	70 miles	Hot, Kinkers go swimming
July	2	Darlington, "	138 "	Cool
	3	Delevan, "	103 "	Hot, Afternoon House Big
	4	Oconomowoc, "	62 "	Clear, Big Day For Show
	5	Beaver Dam, "	98 "	Both Houses Good
	6	Berlin, "	54 "	Business Fine
	7	Portage, "	87 "	Hot, Bareboo Nearby
	9	Waupeca, "	100 "	Rain, Lot Way Out
	10	Stevens Point, "	29 "	Hot
	11	Medford, "	67 "	Hot, Business Fair
	12	Eau Claire, "	79 "	Hot, Side Show Biz Very Good
	13	Menominee, "	23 "	Cooler, Both Houses Fair
	14	Neilsville, "	53 "	Hot Again, Heavy Showers
	16	Ft. Atkinson, "	190 "	Still Hot
	17	Woodstock, Ill.	59 "	Red Hot, No night show
	18	Valparaiso, Ind.	95 "	Still Hot, Biz good
	19	Warsaw, "	65 "	Hot
	20	Huntington, "	40 "	Chas. Fish, Rider, Joined, HOT
	21	Lima, Ohio	75 "	Cool
	23	Meadville, Pa.	278 "	Cloudy, New Bull bought
	24	Salamanca, N.Y.	102 "	Rain, business good
	25	Addison, N.Y.	111 "	Warm and sultry
	26	Binghamton, N.Y.	87 "	Hot, Lot on fairgrounds
	27	Carbondale, Pa.	82 "	Longest driest haul of season
	28	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	38 "	Hot, business fair
	30	Cooperstown, N.Y.	134 "	Cooler, beautiful village
	31	Cobleskill, N.Y.	46 "	Clear, Nice lot
Aug.	1	Albany, N.Y.	45 "	Rain, State Capitol
	2	Saratoga, N.Y.	39 "	Rain, business fair
	3	Glenns Falls, N.Y.	22 "	Cool, light rain
	4	Plattsburg, N.Y.	117 "	Fair, afternoon house big
	6	Rutland, Vt.	114 "	Tents Packed
	7	Bennington, "	57 "	Fair, business good
	8	Middlebury, "	89 "	Rain, night crowd noisy
	9	Burlington, "	35 "	Rain
	10	Barre, "	46 "	Cool, lot boggy
	11	W. Randolph, "	39 "	Fair, small town but biz good
	13	White River, "	33 "	Fair, railroad center
	14	St. Johnsbury, "	51 "	Warm, parade a big hit here
	15	Newport, "	45 "	Heavy rain, long haul
	16	Richford, "	31 "	Afternoon house big
	17	St. Albans, "	23 "	Tents packed
	18	Malone, N.Y.	142 "	Rain, Annex has 14 shows
	20	Ogdensburg, N.Y.	61 "	Cool, side show big
	21	Potsdam, N.Y.	44 "	Biz good
	22	Gouverneur, N.Y.	34 "	Fine weather
	23	Lowville, N.Y.	47 "	Warm, fair crowd
	24	Watertown, N.Y.	34 "	Shriners attend
	25	Oswego, N.Y.	61 "	Big fireman's muster
	27	Oneida, N.Y.	57 "	Clear, nice town
	28	Norwich, N.Y.	42 "	Big top jammed
	29	Walton, N.Y.	46 "	Cloudy, biz good
	30	Liberty, N.Y.	61 "	Cloudy, summer people visit
Sept.	1	Walden, N.Y.	42 "	WALTER L. MAIN called
	3	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	21 "	FOREPAUGH SHOW nearby
	4	Winstead, Conn.	80 "	Hot, biz good
	5	Millerton, N.Y.	33 "	Hot, biz good

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Sept. 6	Hudson,	N.Y.	68	miles	Hot, both houses fair
7	Fort Plain,	N.Y.	92	"	Headed for Mich.
8	Herkimer,	N.Y.	23	"	Rain, hurt night house
10	Weedsport,	N.Y.	78	"	Rain, canvas paraffined here
11	Geneva,	N.Y.	39	"	Cool, business fair
12	Honeoye Falls,	"	40	"	Pleasant
13	Leroy,	"	21	"	Clear, Forepaugh Show billed
14	Medina,	"	77	"	Showers, night house light
15	Niagara Falls,	"	37	"	Windstorm, Big Top badly torn
17	Lapeer,	Mich.	289	"	Weather fine, big crowds
18	Ypsilanti,	"	90	"	Both houses big
19	Hastings,	"	106	"	Clear, 19 shows in Annex
20	Charlotte,	"	28	"	Lot on fair grounds
21	Three Rivers,	"	98	"	Clear, Pole wagon runaway
22	Dowagiac,	"	53	"	Rain, cleared and biz big
24	Clinton,	Ill.	213	"	Weather fine
25	Tuscola,	"	61	"	Cool, watermelons 5¢ each here
26	Effingham,	"	50	"	Both houses good
27	Sullivan,	"	37	"	Hot, fine lot on Fairgrounds
28	Attica,	Ind.	102	"	Warm
29	Champaign,	Ill.	63	"	Clear, University students call
Oct. 1	Pittsfield,	"	67	"	Pleasant
2	Mt. Sterling,	"	44	"	Hot, afternoon show packed
3	Rood House,	"	61	"	Warm, fine lot
4	Jerseyville,	"	31	"	First Show here in years
5	Belleville,	"	57	"	Cool, train breakdown on way
6	Murphysboro,	"	57	"	Warm, arrived late, parade at 11
8	Cape Girardeau,	Mo.	57	"	Big business
9	Paragould,	Ark.	111	"	Clear, late arrival
10	Newport,	"	85	"	Hot & Dusty, Crowds of negroes
11	Prescott,	"	179	"	Hot, no night show
12	Sulphur Spring,	Tex.	148	"	Hot, SELLS BROS. opp.
13	Greenville,	Tex.	33	"	Heat remains, water scarce
15	Dallas,	"	54	"	Terrific biz.
16	Weatherford,	"	63	"	Hot, both houses good
17	Fort Worth,	"	31	"	Hot, tents packed, Annex big
18	Gainesville,	"	86	"	Hot, dusty and windy, biz great
19	Sherman,	"	51	"	Hot, night house big
20	Denison,	"	11	"	Warm with rain at loading
22	Waxahachie,	"	136	"	Clear, 30,000 at three shows
23	Hillsboro,	"	35	"	Hot, turnaway crowds
24	Waco,	"	35	"	Hot, huge throngs
25	Temple,	"	35	"	Hot, Gov. Hogg visits show
26	Bastrop,	"	74	"	No change in weather, biz fair
27	La Grange,	"	34	"	Hot, tents filled
29	San Marcos,	"	50	"	Cooler, nearing Mexican line
30	San Antonio,	"	72	"	Thousands turned away
31	Austin,	"	81	"	Windy, State Capitol
Nov. 1	Taylor,	"	36	"	Rain at night, biz big
2	Hearne,	"	55	"	Hot, no night show
3	Palestine,	"	90	"	Hot, both houses good
5	Henderson,	"	75	"	Cooler, bad track ahead
6	Longview,	"	38	"	Tents packed
7	Shreveport,	La.	63	"	Clear, good crowds
8	Monroe,	"	96	"	Fair, big houses
9	Vicksburg,	Miss.	77	"	Warm, big hill for parade
10	Greenville,	"	83	"	Cloudy, blacks predominate

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Nov. 12 Natchez,	Miss. 161 miles	Cooler, packed business
13 Jackson,	" 98 "	Rain, afternoon house big
14 Yazoo City,	" 46 "	Clear
15 Greenwood,	" 52 "	Tents filled
16 Kosciusko,	" 73 "	Storm at night cancels show
17 Water Valley,	" 104 "	Big crowds

The band has played "HOME SWEET HOME" and we have traveled together from the 28th of Apr. to the 17th of Nov. covering over 12,500 miles, or one half the distance around the world. This fine route has been sent in by JOHN BROWN and we sure hope we get many more.

TWO HEMISPHERE DIVISION

For the second year CROWLEY is acting as chairman of the all New England Convention of all three clubs, CHS, CFA, and CMBOA. on the R.B.B.B. Circus at the Boston Gardens on Sun. May 19th, 1946. Dinner and exhibition of circusiana at Hotel Manger which adjoins the Garden, R.B.B.B. closes at the Garden May 25th and then goes to open under canvas at Phila, Pa. May 27th.

Cover

This month's cover is of the UNITED STATES BANDWAGON and is the one that was used by Cole Bros. but is not the one that represents Div. 1

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO

Once upon a time, not so long ago, a little boy named LARRY MENDELL got the mumps and had to stay home from the Circus. Being a lad blessed with both imagination and nimble fingers, young Larry decided to make his own Circus-which he did out of nothing more than an old cigar box and some matches. So began a hobby. Enclosed with the compliments of our new member Larry Mendell is a photo of his show as it is to-day.

FACT or FICTION

SPARKS will be on rails next year?????????
Next year will be the last year for R.B.B.B. in Madison Square Garden??
Has John Ringling North decided on the Miss From Mass. over Liz?????
Has the Warren Co. an order for 30 flats and stocks for T. Jacobs and are they to be delivered Mar. 1947????
Will T. Jacobs and Barnes Bros. Circus ever play Madison Square Garden???

NOTICE

Please send your nomination for Vice President to J. TRACY 31 Ross Ave. Buffalo, N.Y. Votes will be counted up to and including JUNE 8th. At this time a vote is in order for the raising of dues and please use your vote and don't waste it and do it promptly. All votes will be sent to J. HASSAN 2211 Fairmount Ave. Phila. Pa. and if passed will go into force JULY 1 1946. All votes must be in by June 8th. Vote for one of these 3:-

1. Dues to be \$3.25 a year to all members
2. Dues to be \$3.25 a year to members and \$2.00 to Junior members
3. Dues to remain the same as they are.

PHOTO SPECIAL

BRADLEY & BENSON CIRCUS (3 postcard size photos) - - - - - 50¢
7 postcard size photos of T. Jacobs winter quarters (all wagon shots) 1.25
8 postcard size photos of all the old wagons on the Bradley farm --- 1.50
VAN MATRE 3328 H St. Phila, Pa.

DAY and DATE

Just as the first section of the RINGLING BROS. & BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS pulled into New York the Wardie-Jay Circus opened its N.Y. date. Our contracting agent made the arrangements with the manager of the ADAM HATS store, right at the entrance to Madison Square Garden. We opened Mar. 29th for a 45 day run and the opening was to a turnaway crowd as the fight was on in the Garden. While we were unloading our flats and stocks we were visited by Eddie Jackson of the #1 Advertising car of R.B.B.E. We went over to the Hotel Lincoln and was greeted by Mr. A. Lester who took us to Mr. Hoppers room and when he saw our Two Jester Calliope he smiled and said give the boys what they want.

VAN MATRE and Pop BARRETT went to Phoenixville to see the BRADLEY and BENSON CIRCUS but due to a high wind they did not put it up.

TED BOWMAN caught the DAILEY BROS. CIRCUS at Temple, Tex. on the 18th and spent a very enjoyable day. He met JEAN ALLEN, NORMA DAVENPORT, Tiger Bill, Tom O'Brien, M. Pyle and J. Murphree. The show was on 20 cars. Tex Stuart did the painting and every wagon has some large animal on it. New canvas was expected shortly and they are carrying 3 liberty drills. One group is of 8 spotted horses, one of 8 Palamios and the other is of 6 spotted ones. The last named group was broken during the winter and did not work because they were not used to the railroad cars and were sick. M. Pyle is riding J. Allens waltzing and rearing horse.

IVAN MYERS wonders whether P.T. BARNUM had more than one show on the road in 1875. The route book lists P.T. BARNUM'S GREAT ROMAN HIPPODROME for Milwaukee, Wis. on Aug. 27 and 28. He has clippings to prove that a Barnum show was in Wheeling, W. Va. on Sat. Aug. 28th of that year under the title P.T. Barnum's Traveling World's Fair. From Wheeling the show went to Barnesville, then to Cambridge, then to Caldwell, all in Ohio. The latter town was billed for two days and P.T. was scheduled to speak before a Soldiers meeting.

In 1878 the route book lists Wheeling, W. Va. for Sept. 13th and Washington, Pa. for the 14th. Both these dates were cancelled because of railroad washouts and the show went direct from Steubenville, Ohio, its Sept. 12th date to Altoona, Pa. for the Sept. 16th showing.

In 1888 the route book listed the title as BARNUM and BAILEY'S GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH but for the Wheeling, W. Va. date at least it was billed under the title of BARNUM and LONDON'S FIFTEEN NEW UNITED SHOWS.

Any person having any information on a circus wreck at Effingham, Ill. in 1909 please send it to the Editor.

R. J. DEVENNEY is now out of the service and back at 311 Christian, St. Newport, Del. and will be glad to hear from all his friends.

H. SYMONS writes that in 1870 P.T. BARNUM stood at the corner of Wyoming Ave. and Lackawanna selling the story of his life and at the same time his Circus was showing out on the lot to a turn away crowd. The book was sold for a dollar. The first known appearance of RINGLING BROS. in the city of Scranton was in 1903.

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#30 Stock Car 12 bulls #51 Coach
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#35 Stock Car 8 ponies,3 camels,1 donkey,16 draft horses.
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#84 INDIA Tab
#41 Flat Car #71 Menagerie Canvas
#75 Air Calliope
#12 Cross Cage(lion & tiger)
#87 Canvas Wagon
#83 Horse Tops
#88 Blacksmith Shop
#42 Flat Car #80 Poles & Stringers
Small tractor
Mack Truck,Water tank body
#50 Electric Light Plant
#44 Flat Car #20 Cookhouse baggage
#21 Cookhouse Steam Boiler
#89 Stake Driver
#18 Cross Cage(lion & leopard)
#16 Cage of lions
#14 Cage of tigers
#45 Flat Car #15 Cage(kangaroo & bear)
#31 Steam Calliope
#86 Ring Curbs
#73 Seat Wagon
#64 Prop Wagon
#46 Flat Car UNITED STATES BANDWAGON
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GREAT BRITAIN TAB

TOTAL-1 Advance,4 Stock,4 Coaches,6 Flats.12 bulls,3 camels,1 zebra,
1 donkey,46 head baggage stock,18 ponies,24 head ring stock.

RUTH the COP by J.MALFATTO

RUTH was by no means the most intelligent elephant but she had a bright mind and was very affectionate.RUTH being a female had no tusks but still was an excellent fighter and so was made a police elephant. Every herd and all Circuses have their police elephants but of them all RUTH had the reputation of being the best.RUTH was on the AL G.BARNES CIRCUS and with her as cops also were BABE and JEWEL.RUTH was a sensitive elephant and her fellings were easily hurt,in fact at times she was known to actually cry and big tears run down her face.Among some of the famous elephants that RUTH with the help of the other police elephants brought into line after they went on a spree were TUSKO & BLACK DIAMOND.

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